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FOR COMMERCE BIC/OIM/SAD FROM MISSION DIRECTOR FCEDLER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION REPORT -
GABORONE WRAP-UP

1. TRADE MISSION ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE APRIL 24 AND WERE
CHECKED IN AT HOTEL BY 1500. EMBASSY BRIEFING WAS CONDUCTED
BY DCM AND IRO ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BOTSWANA
AND ON MISSION SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS.

2. AMBASSADOR HOSTED RECEPTION ATTENDED BY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN AND MISSION MEMBERS. MINISTERS OF
COMMERCE AND OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS ATTENDED THIS
FUNCTION.

3. ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 25 A FORMAL CONFERENCE WAS
HELD IN HOTEL WHERE TEAM HEARD FROM THREE MINISTRIES
THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND FINANCIAL
SITUATION IN BOTSWANA. THREE CABINET MINISTERS WERE
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PRESENT IN THE AUDIENCE AND PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

4. LUNCHEON WAS HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MISSION
MEMBERS FOR ABOUT 40 GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS GUESTS.
THE THREE MINISTERS ALSO WERE PRESENT FOR LUNCHEON.

5. AFTERNOON SESSION WITH SELECTED BUSINESSMEN WAS OPENED
WITH REMARKS BY MISSION DIRECTOR. AFTER SHORT PROGRAM,
THERE WERE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS FOR ALL MISSION MEMBERS
WITH PARTICIPATING BOTSWANA BUSINESSMEN.

6. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY MINISTERS AT OUR SESSIONS WAS
GREATLY APPRECIATED. POST HAS EARNED OUR CONGRATULATIONS
FOR BRINGING HIGHEST LEVEL CONTACTS TO MISSION AND FOR VERY
WELL ORGANIZED PROGRAM.

7. POST EXPENSES WELL WITHIN BUDGET.

8. HOSPITALITY BUDGET WAS JUST RIGHT.

9. FIEDLER VIA JOHANNESBURG TO KINSHASA ETA APRIL 27

AT 12:40.

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